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Serial No. : NOT YET KNOWN (PCT/EP99/02830PCT/EP99/05116)  
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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR GUIDING AND SUPPORTING A  
THIN SHEET OR METAL STRIP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1, line 5, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.
- Claim *2*, line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.
- Claim *3*, line 1, change "claim 1 or 2, characterized in that"  
to --claim 1, wherein--.
- Claim *4*, line 1, change "one or several of the claims 1 to 3,"  
to --claim 1,--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.
- Claim *5*, line 1, change "one or several of the claims 1 to 3,"  
to --claim 1,--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.
- Claim *6*, line 1, change "one or several of the claims 1 to 4,"  
to --claim 1,--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.